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Numismatic Society
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. W. J. Shelton, of the
N.Y. Colonic Society, advises me
that you may have a medal
or medals of the "Washington
Benevolent Society" the Federal
Society, of 1808-24.

If you have one I should
be very glad to get a photograph
of it, both sides, & will gladly
pay necessary expense.

Any information which
you may have regarding the

Society will be thankfully received.

I know that it was founded July 1808 in Alg. by Isaac Lobnig, Mr. Varick, & Julian C. Verplanck.

I have read that the idea was suggested by a British Ambassador or Consul but have not verified this.

I want to find their old records, & learn by what means the Society was suspended in Columbia Co. in 1811, & was the Eastern Council started in 1812.

Cordially yours

Marcus A. Ballard

Librarian & Curator.

June 10th, 1911.

Mr. H. H. Ballard,

Librarian and Curator,

Berkshire Athenaeum,

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My dear Sir:-

I hope you will excuse the very long delay in replying to your letter of April 4th.

The photographer, that does our work, only comes around here occassionally, consequently it was sometime before I could get hold of him to have a photograph made of the medal of the Washington Benevolent Society. That and the fact that I was away for some little time must explain the delay. I enclose herewith the photograph of one of the two medals that are in this Society's collection, and trust that it will answer your purposes. I have no information regarding the Washington Benevolent Society except the facts mentioned in your letter, and I have made some inquiries without any result.

Regretting my inability to give more information on this subject, I am,

Very truly yours,

Berkshire Athenaeum,
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Mr. Samuel L. Bolden
Director
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My dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the photographs of the Medals of "Washington Numismatic Society".

Cordially
Harland H. Ballard